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SUBJECT: FY-2003 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR
MRP ON "FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES":

JANUARY 16-FEBRUARY 6, 2003

PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2003-0009

REF: (A) COLOMBO 01899, (B) STATE 126628, (C) STATE

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1. POST NOMINATES MS. DAYANI PANAGODA, SENIOR LECTURER
IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RETATIONS,
GENERAL SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA, FOR PARTICIPATION IN
SUBJECT PROJECT.

2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB

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START NOMINATION:

USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 70

USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0009

PROJ-NAME: Foreign Policy and Human Rights Issues -

January 16 - February 6, 2003

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 01/13/2003

SESSION-DATE: 01/16/2003

RETURN-POST: 02/09/2003

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 12

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP strategic goals on
"Regional Stability" and "Democracy"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

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USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Foreign Policy

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Dayani

M-NAME: Sumithra

L-NAME: PANAGODA

SUFFIX:

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy

M-ADDR2: Kandawala Estate

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Ratmalana

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94) 77-7304-172

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M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: F

DOB: 11/30/1952

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:

Senior Lecturer in International Law and International Relations, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy, 1991- to date

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Guest Lecturer in Management, Junior Command and Staff Course, Sri Lanka Air Force, 1989- to date; Attorney-at-Law, 1989- to date

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1989-90 - Worked at the Chambers of President's Counsel, Mr. Ranjith Abeysooriya

(as a junior assisted in criminal legal proceedings by research cases and statute law)

1988-90 - Visiting lecturer, Leeds Institute in Colombo (conducted lectures and tutorial class in Business Law for the students for the London examination of Associate Account Technicians -AAT)

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

July 2000 (two weeks) - Attended the International Human Rights Education and Monitoring Program at Hamline University School of Law, Minnesota

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Attorney-at-Law, Sri Lanka Law College, 1989

MA in International Relations, University of Colombo, 1997

MBA, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, 1999

MA in Public International Law, University of Colombo (pending submission of dissertation)

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: Sinhala

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

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END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

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START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Stephen Holgate

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

As a professor at Kotelawala Defence Academy for more than ten years she has had a string influence on the world view of a generation of Sri Lankan military officers. In her position, Ms. Panagoda teaches international relations and law, including human rights. These are both critical areas to the Sri Lankan military's efforts to modernize itself and its outlook. The human rights performance of the Sri Lankan military has been of great concern to the United States Embassy and will be critical to any hopes of eventual peace. Though Ms. Panagoda visited Minnesota on a two-week self-funded program on human rights in 2000, this has given her only a limited exposure. A broad ranging IV on Foreign Policy and Human Rights Issues would help push forward this mission's goal of improving the human rights record of the Sri Lankan government and giving it a broader outlook on the world.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: Public Affairs Section

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 102

PERSON-ID: 106

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE

RES-CNTRY-ID: CE

FIRST-LANG-ID: SI

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